

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 16 September 2016

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GLOBAL

· BIS publishes Basel III monitoring report

Finds that all large international banks met minimum fully phased-in CET1 requirements. Weighted averages for LCR and NFSR were 125.2% and 113.7% as of Dec 2015.

· Governors and head of supervision (GHOS) announce progress on post-crisis reforms

GHOS have broadly endorsed reforms on risk-weighted assets, but reaffirmed that the Committee should focus on not increasing significantly overall capital requirements.

ISDA issues whitepaper on derivatives market infrastructures

It urges greater standardization and efficiency in these markets, highlighting three areas where further standardisation can be achieved: documentation, data and processes.

EUROPE

• EBA publishes results of CRD IV/CRR/Basel III exercise

This monitoring exercise uses capital, leverage and liquidity ratio data as of 31 Dec 2015. Banks are displaying strong levels of compliance with capital and liquidity requirements.

ECB launches public consultation on guidance to banks on non-performing loans (NPLs)

This guidance refers to the strategy, governance and operations that are important to address NPLs, providing a set of best practices and recommendations. Deadline: 15 Nov.

• ESAs reject EC amendments on RTS on non-centrally cleared OTC derivatives

ESAs disagree on (among other areas) proposals to remove concentration limits on margins for pension schemes as they are crucial to mitigate potential risks for pension funds.

· EBA informs on Implementing Technical Standards' validation rules for supervisory reporting

It has issued a revised list of validation rules on supervisory reporting, highlighting those which have been



deactivated either for being incorrect or for triggering IT problems.

• EBA updates its CET1 list

It has published its third updated list of capital instruments it classifies as Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1). Several instruments have been added to the latest list.

EP rejects draft law on packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs)

After being rejected by ECON, MEPs passed a resolution calling for changes to the legislation. EC will propose new RTS for PRIIPs legislation, due to come into force on 31 Dec.

EC communication on Capital Markets Union (CMU) accelerating reform

Focusses on a rapid implementation of the first CMU measures (securitisation), accelerating the next phase (e.g. taxation), and developing further priorities (e.g. personal pensions).

• ECB's opinion on amendments to venture capital and social entrepreneurship regulations

It supports the aims of the proposed regulations, as they would help develop the Capital Markets Union. Presents specific and technical recommendations and drafting proposals.

• EIOPA publishes report on communication to members of occupational pensions schemes

It lays down good practices on communication tools and channels when communicating with schemes members operated by Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision.

Commission Delegated and Implementing Regulations published in OJEU

i) Delegated Regulation on RTS of the methodology to identify G-SIIs and define subcategories ii) Implementing Regulation on ITS on the transitional measures for the equity risk sub-module iii) Implementing Regulation on ITS regarding main indices and recognised exchanges in accordance with regulation of prudential requirements for credit institutions.

UNITED KINGDOM

PRA on the external audit of public disclosure requirement (Solvency II)

Policy statement providing feedback to a previous consultation and a supervisory statement highlighting responsibilities and setting the level of assurance to external audit requirements.

PRA issues consultation paper on fees and FSCS levies for insurers

Sets out proposals for a one-year transitional arrangement for insurance firms' PRA fees and Financial





Services Compensation Scheme levies for 2017/18 fees year. Deadline: 9 Nov.

FCA consults on insurers' tariff data used to calculate FCA fees and levies 2017/18

Sets out proposals for transitional provision covering insurers' tariff data. In order to comply with Solvency II FCA plans to use the same tariff data used for 2016/17. Deadline: 9 Nov.

SPAIN

• CNMV to adopt ESMA guidelines on cross-selling practices

To enhance investor protection, they gather principles to improve information provided to clients, and revise sells personnel remuneration schemes. Entry into force: 3 Jan 2018.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Flash. EBA clarifies use of 2016 EU-wide stress test results in the SREP process
- Regulation Watch. Setting a limit to leverage in banking. May 2016
- Financial Regulation Outlook. July 2016
- Digital Economy Outlook. July 2016

Previous editions of our Weekly Regulatory Update in Spanish and English





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